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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: CORINNE DEGERT et al

Group: 1615

Serial No: 09/554,602

Examiner: G. Kishore

Filed: July 14, 2000

BOX AF

For: IMPROVED METHOD FOR AVOIDING THE DEGRADATION OF AN ACTIVE PRINCIPLE

### AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as follows:

|          | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After | Highest<br>Previously<br>Paid For | Extra | Small<br>Entity | Or  | Large<br>Entity |        |
|----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|--------|
|          | Amendment<br>20              | -21 =                             |       | x \$9           | =\$ | X \$18          | =\$    |
| Total    | 20                           |                                   |       |                 |     | x \$84          | =\$168 |
| Indep.   | 5                            | -3 =                              | 2     | X \$42          | =\$ | X 904           |        |
| First pr | esentation o                 | of multiple                       |       | + \$140         | =\$ | + 280           | =\$    |
| dependen | t claim:                     | ADDITIONAL E                      | TEE:  | \$              |     |                 | =\$168 |

- Small entity has previously been established and is still applicable.
- Small entity status is now claimed.
- A Petition for  $\underline{1}$  month(s) extension of time is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ is enclosed to cover the additional claim fee (and/or extension of time fee).
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional claim fee required under 37 CFR 1.16, or processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-0753. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and add the following new claims:

22. (New) A composition for stabilization of an active agent, comprising:

a plurality of multilamellar vesicles in the form of a regular stack of concentric bi-layers comprising at least one surfactant, said bi-layers extending from each vesicle core to 0000031 09554602

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